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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: HONDURAS WILL SUPPORT THE INVASION
TO IRAQ

¶1. October 5, "El Heraldo" a moderate Tegucigalpa-based daily, reported on remarks by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Guillermo Perez Cadalzo, regarding Honduran support for a U.S. invasion of Iraq.

"If the United States gets United Nations support, Honduras will respect and support a decision to invade Iraq. At the present time, the United States is trying to convince its principal allies in the Security Council of the need of an invasion but it has not yet gotten the necessary support.

"This matter is being debated in the Security Council and whatever decision is made there, we will support totally".

Pierce.